

The welfare of water buffaloes during the slaughter process: a review

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Highlights

- Examines the scientific literature on water buffalo welfare during the entire slaughter process.
- Buffalo handlers rely often more on coercive practices and instruments that cause pain and distress.
- Water buffalo are susceptible to thermal stress during the transport.
- The cranial anatomy of water buffaloes makes stunning difficult.
- Significant potential for pain and stress during slaughter without stunning.

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